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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Hans-Josef Giertz, Friedrich-Wilhelm Cyris,  
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LEVELLING DOOR APERTURE OF A  
COKE OVEN CHAMBER

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Box PCT  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above referenced application as follows:

In the Abstract:

Please add the abstract, which is attached as page 6 this Preliminary Amendment.

In the Specification:

At page 1, lines 2 and 3, delete "in accordance with the preamble of claims 1 and 15,  
respectively".

At page 1, line 4, insert the following heading --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.